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Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-242508.

A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page one of the present application.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted document is cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and a copy of the document is enclosed.

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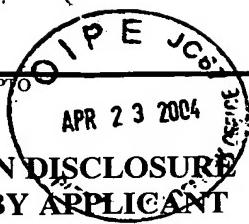
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